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January 12, 2009

The Honorable Jo Oldson  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
State House  
**LOCAL MAIL**

Dear Representative Oldson:

Iowa Code § 476.66(6) requires the Iowa Utilities Board to submit an annual report to you on the status of utility customer contribution funds. These funds were created to accept voluntary contributions from utility customers to supplement federal weatherization and energy assistance funds to low-income households.

Legislation requiring all natural gas and electric utilities to establish customer contribution funds was adopted in 1988 and implementation began in 1989. Annual reports summarizing each fund's activities from July 1 through June 30 are filed with us each year by September 30. The attached report summarizes those submissions for last year.

If we can provide any further information, please contact Joan Conrad, our legislative liaison, at 515.229.4771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Norris", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

John R. Norris  
Chairman

Attachment: Customer Contribution Fund Annual Report  
cc: Mark Brandsgard, Chief Clerk of the House  
House Appropriations Committee Members

	<b>INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>RURAL ELEC. COOPERATIVES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>				
Number of Customers Contributing	14,153	1,502	1,522	17,177
Customer Contributions Collected	\$471,919	\$81,486	\$50,173	\$603,578
Matching Contributions Collected	\$577,780	\$9,291	\$0	\$587,071
Total Contributions Collected	\$1,049,699	\$91,558	\$50,163	\$1,191,420
Reimbursable Expenses (FN-1)	\$0	\$1,772	\$237	\$2,009
<b>NET CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,049,699</b>	<b>\$89,786</b>	<b>\$49,926</b>	<b>\$1,189,411</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Advertising	\$4,532	\$10,839	\$2,578	\$17,949
Admin. & General Salaries	\$10,903	\$3,688	\$1,970	\$16,561
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$0	\$3,280	\$431	\$3,711
Supervision - Labor & Expenses	\$0	\$2,976	\$968	\$3,943
Customer Records and Collections:				
Mailing	\$0	\$1,453	\$402	\$1,854
Printing	\$69	\$2,628	\$991	\$3,688
Publication	\$168	\$1,411	\$144	\$1,723
Total Expenses	\$15,673	\$26,273	\$7,484	\$49,430
Reimbursable Expenses	\$0	\$1,356	\$237	\$1,593
<b>NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,673</b>	<b>\$24,918</b>	<b>\$7,247</b>	<b>\$47,838</b>
<b>FUND DISTRIBUTION:</b>				
Weatherization Program	\$9,219	\$23,171	\$1,220	\$33,609
Heating Assistance Payments	\$709,595	\$41,972	\$25,506	\$777,073
Other Programs	\$3,672	\$18,686	\$11,017	\$33,375
<b>TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$722,486</b>	<b>\$83,829</b>	<b>\$37,742</b>	<b>\$844,057</b>
Estimated Number of Families Assisted	3,965	677	292	4,934
Average Amount	\$182	\$124	\$129	\$171

**NOTES TO THE REPORT:**

**FN-1:** Each utility is allowed to keep 5 percent of annual contributions to defray operating expenses.